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MEMORANDUM FOR: EA/DCI  
FROM : DDO/EUR  
SUBJECT : Response to a White House Inquiry

1. The Directorate for Operations has no evidence suggesting that the Soviet Government is seeking to test the incoming U.S. Administration through actions in Germany. Judging from past patterns, the East German actions in Berlin have been approved by Soviet authorities. We have no clandestine information on their background, but plausible explanations are not hard to find in the present state of relations between the Soviets and the East Germans on one side and the West Germans on the other, a subject on which we have clandestine reporting. We judge that any broader international motives on the Soviet part are less likely to concern relations with the U.S. than plans for coming developments in MBFR and/or CSCE.

2. Attached is a message we have sent to our field offices suggesting questions for intelligence collection.

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